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Coroner to Act at Trial of Alleged Poolroom Operators.

Sam Mount and F. L. Jones president and secretary, respectively, of the West End Money Order Company, who are charged with a violation of the Breeders' bill, yesterday caused the Clayton Circuit Court to disqualify Sheriff Hencken and

Court to disqualify Sheriff Hencken and his deputies in the trial of the alleged poolroom operation, which begins next Monday at Clayton.

They charged that the Sheriff was prejudiced against them, and that his deputies were witnesses, and consequently could not serve.

The Sheriff did not contest the motion, but consented to being dequalified. The law provides that, in a contingency of this kind, the Coroner be sworn in to act as temporary Sheriff for the purposes of the trial. This was done.

Judge McElhinmey instructed Coroner Koch to impanel three juries, as there are that number of charges pending against the men. Each charge constitutes a separate offense.

Mount and Jones deny that they have violated the Breeders' bill in running a poolroom in Morische's Grove, and have determined to make a hard fight. Judge Henry W. Bond of St. Louis, acting for the opposition interests, will bring witnesses from Latonia, it is said, to prove the charges against the men.

Been Missing Three Months.

Thomas Brett, who was formerly an employe in the car shops of the St.
Louis and Suburban Railroad, has been missing since September 12, and all efforts missing since September 12, and all efforts of the police, relatives and friends to locate him have been fruitless.

Brett came to St. Louis with his wife last January and reslided at No. 3630 Cottage avenue. After being here several months they decided to return to New York, Mrs. Brett returning first to await her husband, who was to have followed on September 12. Brett started for Union Station and that was the last that has been heard of him by his family or friends.

Etchings Presented to School.

The regular monthly meeting of the Fremont School Patrons' Association was held at the Fremont School, Wyoming and Pestalozzi streets, last night. The association presented to the school twenty-five etchings, for which it had paid \$50. Herman Mauch, president of the McKin-ley High School Memorial Association, and William B. Ittner of the School Board Etchings Presented to School.

Ohlo Society Meeting. The regular annual meeting of the Ohi-Society of St. Louis will be held at the Missouri Athletic Club to-night. A large attendance is expected for the election of officers and the transaction of other important business pertaining to the reception and entertainment of the hosts of Ohioans, who are expected to visit St. Louis in 1904. At the close of the business meeting refreshments and cigars will be served and a social session held.

Hat Store Is Robbed.

Hats valued at \$200 were stolen from the store of George F. Brown, No. 722 North High street, Thursday night. Brown believes the thief secretly entered the store and hid himself under the display window until the establishment was closed for the evening. The back door was open yesterday morning, and it is believed the robber made his exit through it.

8. Kronberg of New York is in St. Louis arranging dates for the appearance of the New York Symphony Orchestra. Walter Damrosch is the conductor, and the pamrosch is the conductor, orchestra has received favorable from the New York press. Mr. will be here for several days. s. Mr. Kronber

First Locomotive Arrives. Christi, Tex., Dec. 4.-The first locomotive for the Lott road from Fort Worth arrived to-day. The regular train on Texas-Mexican will leave here to-mor-row morning for Laredo, the quarantine being raised at noon to-day.

Charity Euchre.

A charity enchre will be given on De cember 11 at 2:30 p. m. by the president of Frank P. Blair Woman's Relief Corps No. 3, in corps' hall, eighth floor of the Burlington building.



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VARIETY OF TOPICS IN THE WEEK'S BOOKS---POEMS BY RILEY AND HALE---HOLIDAY PUBLICATIONS---NOTES AND GOSSIP.

Somebody recently declared that there are but two English poets who can claim a ready and instant audience of wide proportions whenever they set pen to paper-Kipling and James Whitcomb Riley. The coupling of Kipling and Riley in any other connection would seem incongruous, perhaps. It is probably true, however, that, as for "circulation," they are of a kind. Mr. Riley's "popularity." which is a thing even Kipling wouldn't sneeze at, will be considerably "enhanced" by his new book of verse, which bears title, "His Pa's Romance." "His Pa's Romance" is the main piece. To say that it is in Ms of it. A little boy relates the story of his parents' love affair as told him by an uncle, and it was a strenuous love affairbetween a country maiden of sweet 16 and supposably impecunious farm hand. The maid's parents object, and the lover saves

his money. Pa ist went back to work, an' she lst walted. An', 'er, purty soon Her folks, they thought he's turned his eye Some other way- cause by-an'-by They heerd he'd rented the old place He worked on. An' one afternoon A neighbor that had bust a trace. He tell the old man they wuz signs Around the old place that the young Log cabin some, an' he had brung New furnisher from town-

the show, whence she "slips off" and disappears. As the old man, frantic, drives home at night he passes "Pa's" place, never dreaming that the lights and music there proclaim the wedding of his daughter. "Ma's" parents do not come near her, but "Ma" persuades her young husband to go with her to visit them. The young couple set out for her home, some five or six days after their marriage. The girl is received with open arms, and "Pa" is driven away by his infuriated fatherin-law, armed with a shotgun. "Pa" goes home and meditates for many days. Then he sends word to her parents that he is reconciled-he will "call the marriage off," and he invites the "old woman" to come out to the place and get her daugh-ter's things. When mother-in-law arrives "Pa" imprisons her in the cellar, which is full of rats, and keeps here there, under padlock and key, over night. This quite naturally brings a visit from old fatherin-law. "Pa" meets him with a shotgun. You bring me my wife, and you can take your'n," or words to that effect, emanate from "Pa." Mother-in-law's screams in the meantime are issuing from the cellar. Thus the tables are turned. The climax is humorously dramatic, if it might be so called.

You hold my wife a prisoner— An' your wife, drat ye! I've got her! An' now, sir * * You ist turn round and climb wite in That wagon, an' drive home ag'in An' bring my wife back wite away, An' we'll trade then-and not before

Will I unlock my cellar door—
The tables are turned pretty neatly on the "old folks." A happlest of happy

reconciliations follows. In the volume are almost fifty poems, many of them in the Hoosier, humorous "human-nature" strain. "A Local Poli-tician From Away Back" is of the best of these. Included also are several serious verses, quaintly sentimental. To the overs of Riley verse the volume will be counted a genuine treat. It is published by the Bobbs-Merrill Company.

BALLADS BY DOCTOR HALE.

Doctor Edward Everett Hale contends hat heretofore we have not had fifty good American ballads, and the new book, written by himself and his children, is in the literary history of his region. "New England History in Ballads" comprises lowever, numerous additions by other people. There are, in his opinion, some forty or fifty poems, more or less nar-rative, which ought to be read in a houghtful study of New England history. Of these Longfellow's "Burial of the Min nisink," "Wreck of the Hesperus," "The Arsenal at Springfield," "Paul Revere's and several others should be in cluded; elso, Whittier's "Cassandra Southwick," "Funeral Tree of the Sokokis,"
"St. John," "The Exiles," "In the Old South" and others; and several poems by Holmes, such as "Old Ironside," the Boston Tea Party"; and by Lowell, Summer," "The Voyage to Vinland,"
"Myles Standish," "Pictures from Appledore" and "The Fatherland." Doctor Hale's book, though, was not born in the intention to furnish a catalogue. Twentyfive years ago he suggested the balladmaking to his children, and this is the collection of that quarter-century. There are printed here a good many verses which have not been printed before. The who collection, including poems by other per-sons, is arranged in chronological order; the first poems being grouped under the head of "The Forerunners," the second one under the head of the "First Generation," the third heading being "From the Colony to the State," the fourth "The Other Half' the fifth "The Civil War" and the last "Afterward." In the last period, for example, there are five ballads, all by members of the Hale family-"The Great Harvest Year." "Manila Bay." England to a Truant Lover," lips Brooks," "Francis Parkman" and superior quality accompany the text; being designed in each case to fill in a gap of history in place of a ballad. Published by Little, Brown & Co.

Willis Fletcher Johnson, A. M., I. H. D., s the author of "A Century of Expan-He treats expansion not as merely applying to acquisition of territory, and to that of recent date; but as beginning with the history of the nation, having its causes and effects intimately intertwined with the fiber of our national being—a process of physical growth maintained incessantly so ong as vitality is in the ascendant. The nation's corresponding and largely conse-quent intellectual and spiritual development is included in his conception of ex-The book presents salient features of the great story, succinctly yet with sufficient comprehension, at least, to suggest where it does not instruct. And spirit of presentation is just. However one may differ with the author's sion." he will find the discussion general oughtful, and worth while from the standpoint of interest and mental diver-

"The Historie Booke, A Tale of Two Worlds and Five Centuries," is a large and elaborate pictorial work "done to kee in lasting remembrance the joyous meeting of the Honourable Artillery Company of London and the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of the Massachusetts in the town of Boston, A. D. 1962." It is edited by Justin H. Smith and privately cient and Honorable Company of the Mas

Secretary Hay evidently enjoyed his travels in Spain, and equally enjoyed writDays," breezes with enthusiasm; but, to ing Company, printer. his credit, it is not a "personally conduct-"Dromans, a Rome ed tour" in which the big "I" plays the leading part. Mr. Hay acts as a chatty and interesting guide through many enjoyable scenes and situations, and such of the personal equation as inevitably creeps into a book of this character serves in this instance only to impart charm.

Published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Claude H. Wetmore is the author of an interesting book which, though perhaps better classified as fiction, fails with some propriety under the head of books of travel. It is a story of adventure with an in-"best" or "most characteristic" vem is sight into Brazilian life and industries, entrite, but this is what ought to be said | titled "In a Brazilian Jungle"; and the author's purpose, which he well fulfills, is the pleturing of South American activitles, especially the coffee-growing industry. The book is interesting no less for its fiction, however, than for its fact. Published by the W. A. Wilde Company.

ECONOMICS AND BOOKS OF PRACTICAL INFORMATION.

A book replete with information which should possess considerable interest for the business world, is "Getting a Living; the Problem of Wealth and Povertyof Profits, Wages and Trade Unionism." written by George L. Bolen, who is the author of "Plain Facts as to the Trusts and the Tariff." The book gives a conected and somewhat comprehensive view of the many economic divisions of the great problems of labor and living. It is ess a "scholarly" view than an exposition of the scholaric view; the author acting rather as interpreter than philosopher and propounder; and this, added to the fact that it is nonpartisan, commends it to the general public. It discusses in simple and easy manner the questions of rent and land ownership, interest, the employer and his profits, co-operative industry, profit sharing, what makes the rate of wages; trade unions, their origin and history; the necessity for trade unionism; strikes, lockouts and boycotts; questionable policies of trade unions, learning a trade, higher wages from higher prices, have wage workers obtained their share? the promise of the future for wage workers, the shorter work day, irregularity of mployment, wage earning by women, the public's part in uplifting wage earners, abor laws, the injunction in labor disputes, workingmen's insurance and pensions, the poor and the unemployed, low wages and vice, trade unionism and the church, the man with the hoe, prison labor, conciliation, arbitration and collective bargaining, combination and liberty. The text is accompanied by copious references and a complete index. Published by the

Bolles's "Money, Banking and Finance, describes the best banking practice of the day, and adds a discussion of the legal rules applicable thereto. The work is designed to fill a place between treatises on the methods of bank bookkeeping and works on the theory and history of money and banking. Published by the American

Book Company. Charles Bright tells "The Story of the Atlantic Cable." In these days when the substitution of wireless telegraphy systems for submarine telegraph is a subject of comment and speculation it may be well to reflect for a moment upon the evolution of the old and existing methods which at length achieved the result we now enjoy-a practical commercial teleand America. Mr. Bright, F. R. S. E., A. M. Inst. C. E., M. I. E. E., is the author "Submarine Telegraphs." "Science and Engineering During the Victorian Era," "The Evolution of the Electric Telegraph 1827-1897." "The Life Story of Sir Charles Tilston Bright." The book under review is published by the Appletons.

An elaborate exposition of "The Theory of Advertising" is performed by Walter Dill Scott, Ph. D., director of the psychological laboratory of Northwestern University. It is a psychological and technical treatise, dealing with such topics as attention, association of ideas, suggestion the direct command, perception, appercep tion, illusion, etc., and with the practical application of several theories of advertising. It is illustrated by cuts taken from current publications and cannot fail to interest the advertising public. Published by Small, Maynard & Co.

"A Practical Treatise of the Steel Square and Its Application in Everyday Use." By Fred T. Hodgson, Two vols. Chicago: T. J. Drake & Co., 1903; 16mo. Pp. 242, 230. Price \$2 Mr. Hodgson's remarkable work is the outcome of papers written in 1872 on "The Use of the Carpenter's Steel Square." These were among the first that were ever issued devoted entirely to describing the uses and applications of the square, and so well did they meet with the appreciation of workmen who were interested in the steel square that the author was urged to put the papers in book form, and several hundred thousand copies have been sold. Indeed, it is doubtful if any other technical book ever had the same sale. Now nearly everything that is known about the steel volumes. The most intricate problems are It is not too much to say that a carpenter who does not possess these volumes ha one of the most valuable tools left out of

FICTION.

Doctor Edward Brooks, whose pen runs to tales of chivalry and romance of ye ancient sort, tells "The Story of Slegfried," Prince's name was Siegfried, a gallant knight and good," and his reputation suffers nothing at the hands of Doctor Brooks. Published by the Penn Publishing Company.

In "Through an Unknown Isle" Charles P. Chipman gives a picture of conditions in the comparatively unknown New actional quality, "departing from estab ished fact." It tells a passably interesting tale, but the manner of telling is dull and laborious. Published by the Sasifield

"The Devil's Letters to Mary Maclane," monymous, exhibit nothing but the good sense of some unknown party in refusing so far as being sprightly, descend to the level of mere drivel and inanity. It would seem that something really sprightly could be got out of that subject, but the book in question provoked only yawns. Interstate Publishing Company, Chicago.

In "Ben Blunt" Mr. Speed Mosby affords the reading public a glimpse of the graft-er getting in his work. Mr. Mosby terms it an historical romance. He prefaces it with a quotation from Bunyan: me said, John, print it; others said,

Some said, it might do good; others said

"Dramana, a Romance of the Stage," by Annie Arrington Tyson, is a crude effort exhibiting what seems to be stagestruck-ness, if you please. It is published by the Neale Publishing Company.

A book which perhaps best classifies as title, which is "The Case of the Fox, being his prophesies under hypnotism of the period ending A. D. 1950," and a third Political Utopia." Under the 'influence," the Fox person speculates

upor our civiz or municipal conditions in the sweet bye and bye, and things economic and sociological generally; and does so in a manner to hold attention pretty well. The author, William Stanley, has a fertile imagination and a modicum of style. Published by the Truslove and Hanson Company, London.

Annie Barnes, author, we are told, of "The Ferry Maid," is the author also of an historical romance for young ladies entitled "The Little Lady of the Fort." In spite of the many dangerous looking Indians that inhabit its pages, young ladies will find it quite harmless. Penn Pub-

"With Ethan Allen at Ticonderoga" is fiercely historical fiction by Mr. Foster -Mr. W. Bert Foster, who lately escorted a troop of readers to Valley Forge With Washington. To be with Ethan Allen at Ticonderoga is every whit as strenuous as to be with Washington at Valley Forge. Published by the Penn Publishing Com

JUVENILES.

Among the many attractive "juventles" of the week is a coplously decorated and illustrated story of Eskimo life, entitled "Children of the Arctic," written "by the snow baby and her mother." This much should be said for the snow baby and her mother-they have told a good story, and in a very mannerly way, so that it is almost readible for grown-ups, Many of the illustrations are from photographs. Pub-

"The Children's Book of London," by G. E. Mitton, carries your young hopeful pictorially through the great metropolis. specialty, having been joint author with Sir Walter Besant of "The Fascination of London." The children's book might have been appropriately named the same thing. surpasses any holiday publication thus far brought to our notice, and the text is uniformly interesting, containing many stories, and much that is descriptive of child life in London. From the Macmillan Company. Published by A. and C. Black,

ESSAYS, LIGHT VERSE, MISCELLANY. Mr. Eden Philpotts, in the love of nature, holds communion with her visible forms in his new book, "My Devon Year." which is a collection of essays upon Mother Earth's beauties as they are exhibited in the neighborhood of Devon. His domnant idea is that nature, in her various shades, mirrors the moods of man. A quotation from Marcus Aurelius suggests the keynote: "I am in harmony with all that is a part of harmony. For me nothing is late that is seasonable to thee. All are fruits for me that they seasons bring, O Nature! Since from thee, in thee, and unto thee, are all things." "Many a morning," says Eden Philpotts, "brings with it some echo of human emotion so obvious graphic system between all the nations of that the analogy strikes instant, almost the world, and notably between Britain unconscious, acknowledgment from all, and America. Mr. Bright, F. R. S. E., A. and mankind sighs before a leaden dawn or lifts his heart with gladness to a sunof several engineering works, including rise of promise; but more often the diurnal programs to intermined manifestations, and the brooding guardian spirit of each day must be sought for with measure of reverence and care." "I doubt if there exists a passion or shade of passion, a prompting, a repulsion, or a day shall not seem to mirror, though the closeness or subtlety of the likeness must depend upon the mind that seeks and finds one all purple, to another red as dawn, t a third the nameless color of the deep sea, to a rare spirit, here and there, the cerpts exhibit both the spirit and style of Mr. Philpott's work. Thirty-eight exquisite illustrations accompany it. Pub-

"James Whitcomb Riley, in Prose and Picture," is a distinctly pretty Christmas publication. It contains extracts of good quality, illuminated by color prints rather dainty. John A. Howland acknowledger authorship, or editorship, or whatever it s, of the volume, and a gentleman wh name is hardly legible, but which looks something like R. J. Campbell, is responsible for the decorations. Handy & Higgins of Chicago are the publishers.

S. E. Kiser's "Soul Sonnets of a Stenographer" is a truly edifying piece of verse; rather good verse, too, from the mechanical point of view. The stenographer in question has a sad story to relate; she would like to marry her million aire employer if his wife would only die-"If he wanted me to fill the vacancy she left, I'd gladly will away this old machine." That is the burden of her theme But her hopes don't come true; instead, her troubles come in chunks. The little book is in Mr. Kiser's best humorous vein. Published by Forbes & Co.

The late M. M. Fisher, D. D., senior pro fessor of the Latin language and literature at the Missouri State University "The History of Westminster College," which is published by Mr. Sylveste this rehearsal of the trials and triumphi of the college may excite in the hearts of Presbyterians a deeper interest in the welfare of the institution." The volume, at tractively illustrated, is neatly put forth from the press of E. W. Stephens, Co.

A handsome publication, in full holiday garb, is issued by the J. B. Lippincott Company, in two volumes, entitled Charles M. Skinner, author of "Myths and Legends Beyond Our Borders," "Myths and Legends of Our New Possessions. and "Myths and Legends of Our Own Land." It is to the latter collection that the present one is added, for the sake of leteness, and it forms a valuable contribution to American folk-lore; which is a something, by the way, quite distinc from the literature of narrative or his torical ballads, which form Doctor Hale's collection, though interesting from a like rendered in simple, clear, chaste prose. There is a pronounced life in his style which makes it good reading.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"His Pa's Romance." By James Whitcomb Merrill Company, Indianapolia. Price, \$1.
"Children of the Arctic." By the Snow Be

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"First Aid to the Injured." By F. J. Warwick, M. D. The Penn Publishing Company, Philadelphia. Price, 45 cents.
"The Story of Slegfried." By Doctor Edward Brooks, A. M. The Penn Publishing Company, Philadelphia. Price, \$1.
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short and pithy as to be easily remembered. By John Harrison. The Penn Publishing Com-pany, Philadelphia. Price, 45 cents. "Forging Ahead." By Horatio Alger, Jr. The Penn Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

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Bert Foster. The Penn Publishing Company.

Price. 90 cents. "In Alaskan Waters." By W. Bert Foster. Penn Publishing Company, Philadelphia. Price, 50 cents.

"Civics." What Every Citizen Should Know. "A Daughter of the Union." By Lucy For ter Madison. Illustrated by Clyde O. Deland. Penn Publishing Company, Philadelphia, Price

Publishing Company. Price, 10 cents.
"A Quaker Maiden." By Evelyn Raymond

Company, Philadelphia. Price, & cents.
"Dearle, Dot and the Dog." By Julie M.
Lippmann, Illustrated by Margaret F. Winter. Penn Publishing Company, Philadelphia. "Castilian Days." By John Hay. With il-justrations by Joseph Pennell. Published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. Price, \$3. "Illinois State Board of Health Report of

"Impertinent Poems." By Edmund Vance Cooke, Published by Forbes & Co., Boston and Chicago, Price 75 cents.
"Daddy Joe's Fiddle," By Faith Bickford "Daddy Joes Fladie." By Faith Bonton.
Illustrated by Edith Francis Foster. Published
by Dana, Estes & Co., Boston, Price 40 cents.
"James Whitcomb Riley." In proce and pleture. Published by Handy & Higgina, 345 Dear-

orn street, Chicago, Price \$1.50. "Soul Sonnets of a Stenographer." By Sam-uel Elisworth Kiser. Published by Forbes & Co., Boston Price & cents.

"Twenty-first Annual Coal Report of the Illinois Bureau of Labor Statistics." Also "The Fourth Annual Report of the Illinois Free Em-ployment Offices for the Year Ended October 1, 1902." Phillips Broa, State Printers, Spring-

"Shakespeare's Comedy of the Merchant o ican Book Company, New York, Price 56 cents. "Kinder und Hausmarchen." Der Brude

American Book Company, New York, Price 45 "A Practical Course in Spanish." By H. M.

Monsunto, A. M., and Louis A. Languellier, LL D. Revised by Freeman M. Josselyn, Jr. American Book Company, New York, Price "Money, Banking and Finance." By Albert S. Bolles, Ph. D., LL. D. American Book Com-

pany, New York Price 11 25 ing Remembrance the Joyous Meeting of the Honourable Artillery Company of London and of the Massachusetts in the Towne of Boston A. D. 1903. Edited by Justin H. Smith. Pri vately printed at the Norwood Press for the

"New England History in Ballads." By Edward E. Hale and his children. With a few additions by other people. Illustrated by Ellen D. Hale, Philip L. Hale and Islian Hale, Published by Little, Brown & Co., Boston, Price

Mitton. Published by Adam and Charles Black, London. For sale by the St. Louis News Com-

Company, New York, For mie by the St. Louis News Company.
"Ben Blunt." His Life and Story, A Glimpse of the Grafter Getting in His Work, By Speed Mosby, Published by Commercial Frinter Com-

Submit Spanish Concession. It is expected that the hearing of evi-dence in the School Board suit, on trial in Division No. 1 of the Circuit Court will be finished to-day. The deposition of the French Consul will be submitted. It gives the translation of the Spanish concession under which the holders of the property which is claimed by the School Board hold title. The concession is written in Spanish and French.

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TERMINAL WILL BORROW MONEY.

Financial Conditions Not Deemed Propitions for Offering Bonds to Secure Funds for Improvements.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL New York, Dec. 4.—There is good reason to believe that five of the fourteen railroads making up the Terminal Association will take over the Alton bridge.

These roads are said to be the Wabash. St. Louis and San Francisco. Chicago and Alton, Big Four and Chicago, Burlington and Quincy. Each of these will, according to report, become one-fifth owner of the Alton bridge.

Owing to the unpropitious condition of the bond market, the Terminal Railroad Commission of St. Louis will pay for

on of St. Louis will pay for about \$5,000,000 worth of improvements with temporary obligations, instead of bonds, When the financial sky clears these obligations will be refunded with general mortgage, refunding, sinking fund nd 45s.
Presidents of the railroads, which con-

Presidents of the railroads, which constitute the Terminal Association, held another meeting in this city to-day at the Pennsylvania offices and it was decided that the men who represent the railroads in the directorate of the Terminal Association, should be instructed to support the plan for providing funos to temporarily pay for the vast improvements which are being carried forward in St. Louis to prepare that city for the reception of the throngs which are expected to attend the World's Fair next year.

These improvements and others of a permanent nature in the aggregate call for the expenditure of \$18,000,000. This money was to have been provided from the sale of general mortgage fours, to the total authorized issue of which was \$50,000,000.

Of the \$18,000,000 provided for improve-

of the \$15,000,000 provided for improvements \$13,000,000 is outstanding. Instead of issuing the remaining \$5,000,000 and selling them at a comparatively low price, it was deemed advisable to provide the necessary funds by temporary obligations, which could be funded when the bond market improved. These obligations will probably take the form of notes payable at different periods within a few years. The most important of the improvements at St. Louis will be the practical rebuilding of the Union Station.

J. J. HILL ON TRADEL Minnenpolis Millers Go to Indian

Territory for Wheat. St. Paul, Dec. 4.—President J. J. Hill said to-day, when asked concerning the report that the Great Northern had made said to-day, when asked concerning the report that the Great Northern had made a special low rate on steel rails from Chicaso to the Orient, in order to heip out American contractors in China, who were hard pressed, said: "We are carrying steel rails to China on the same rate to-day that has been in effect for seven years. "But there is a very interesting phase of trade right here under your noses that people do not seem to have noticed," added Mr. Hill, "and that is the volume of flour going from Minneapolis to Australia and China. It would surprise the public to know that the Minneapolis millers have to go way-down into Indian Territory in order to get enough wheat to grind.

"The Northwestern grain is not sufficient for the demand. I received a letter from one of the leading Minneapolis millers to-day telling me of a single order he had received from the Orient. It would surprise you if I should name the size of that order, but I am not at liberty to do so.

"We are to-day hauling flour 2400 miles."

do so.
"We are to-day hauling flour 2,400 miles by rail and 6,500 miles by water for only 15 or 20 cents more that it costs to haul Minneapolis flour 900 miles to the Atlantic seaboard. And all this," Mr. Hill added, sarcastically, "is in restraint of trade."

WINCHELL STILL IN TEXAS. Will Meet Southern Pacific Officials

at Houston.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 4.—General Manager
Van Vlieck of the Atlantic division of the
Southern Pacific; Superintendent Ressigue and Engineer Cushing of the Texas
and New Orleans, and several minor officials, reached Dallas at noon, coming
here over the Texas and New Orleans
road. Soon afterwards. Ben Winchell the
foremost managerial official of the Rock
Island-Frizco systems, rolled into Dallas
in his special train, and with the same
party of officials that visited Deilas, Fort
Worth and Houston. Mr. Winchell had his
train switched onto the Texas and New
Orleans tracks, and hurried away to
Beaumont.

Mr. Van Vlieck and his party departed

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for Houston to-night, and are to meet the Winchell party there to-morrow. Neither party would discuss their railroad business to outsiders while in Dallas. The impression prevails in railroad cir-cles that the final plans for the Rock Island-Southern Pacific traffic arrange-ment to be put into practical operation are being framed up in a manner to fiank the Texas State Railroad Commission.

J. E. STUMPF PROMOTED. appointed Superintendent of the Wa-

Announcement is made by H. L. Mages, superintendent of the Wabash, of the special parameter of endent of the Wabash terminals in St.

building.

Mr. Stumpf's appointment is effective
Monday. He will have charge of the Wabash tracks and property in St. Louis and
East St. Louis, to and including the Gran-

Circular by Leeds.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—President W. B. Leeds of the Rock Island has issued a circular announcing the acquisition by that company of the following lines in Texas and their consolidation into the Chicago, Rock Island and Guif Railway Company, with headquarters at Fort Worth, Tex.:

"The Chicago, Rock Island and Texas, extending from the Texas State line, near Terral, I. T., to Dallas, from Bridgeport to Graham, Tex.; the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Texas, extending from the Texas State line near Taxola to Amarillo, and the Chicago, Rock Island and Mexico, extending from the Texas State line near Texowna, I. T., to the State line west of Bravo, Tex."

In connection with the consolidation the following appointments have been made:

J. C. McCabe, to be general freight agent; W. H. Firth, general passenger and ticket agent; Henry Lucas, auditor; S. B. Hovey, vice president; H. P. Greenbough, superintendent of the Amarilio division; H. P. Colon, superintendent of the Mexican division, with headquarters at Dalhart, and J. Myers, division freight agent.

Alex. More's Appointment.

Announcement is made jointly by A. Announcement is made jointly by A. Hilton, general passenger agent of the Frisco, and General Passenger Agent Tuley of the Frisco's Texas lines of the appointment of Alex More, general agent of the Frisco system in the city of Mexico, as southwestern passenger agent of the Frisco, with headquarters at Dallas, vice C. P. Johnson, resigned.

1. M. Line Completed. Southern's Memphis, Helena and Louisiand line from Lake Providence to a con-nection with the New Orleans and North-western, 12; miles south of Clayton.

Agra-Cleveland Line. The M., K. & T. from Agra to Cleveland, Ok., will be opened December 15. The stations on the line are Yale, Jennings, Oliver and Cleveland.

Railroad Notes.

—The Northern Michigan Transportation Com-pany have under construction a new stee steamship, to be called Missouri, of 2,500 tons burthen. She will be 295 feet in length 5 tons burthen. She will be 235 fest in length, 50 feet beam, triple-expansion engines, guaranteed speed twenty miles an hour. Her stateroom accommodations will be so arranged that all rooms will be outside rooms, sleeping 250 people. The Missouri will be completed for the passenger season of 1804 and, will run between Chicago and Chirleroix, Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Mackinac Island. She is a sister suip to the Illinois.